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Lafayette, Louisiana
January 23, 2002

Hon. Philip N. Asproditos
Office of Conservation
Commissioner of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Q Sand, Reservoir A
Upper R Sand, Reservoir A
Lake Fortuna Field
St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Asproditos:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **AMERADA HESS CORPORATION** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Q Sand, Reservoir A, in the Lake Fortuna Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, said unit to be designated Q RA SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Upper R Sand, Reservoir A, in the Lake Fortuna Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, said unit to be designated U R RA SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed units with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate O'Meara Inc. as operator of the proposed units.
5. To designate the O'Meara Inc. – State Lease 2192 No. 25-D Well as unit well and the Amerada Hess Corporation – State Lease 16324 No. 1 Well as alternate unit well for the Q RA SUA.
6. To designate the O'Meara Inc. – State Lease 2192 No. 25 Well as unit well for the U R RA SUA.
7. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Q Sand, Reservoir A, and Upper R Sand, Reservoir A, in the Lake Fortuna Field, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
8. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify these reservoirs by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing should the producing characteristics of such reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
9. To consider such others matters as may be pertinent.

The Q Sand, Reservoir A, in the Lake Fortuna Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 10,031 feet and 10,092 feet (electrical log measurements) in the O'Meara Inc. - State Lease 2192 No. 25 Well, located in Main Pass, Block 1, Offshore St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

The Upper R Sand, Reservoir A, in the Lake Fortuna Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 10,110 feet and 10,121 feet (electrical log measurements) in the O'Meara Inc. - State Lease 2192 No. 25 Well, located in Main Pass, Block 1, Offshore St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Mr. W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, Telephone No. 337/232-5004.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure a pre-application conference was held on June 27, 2001, in Lafayette, Louisiana, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance. The conference was opened by Richard W. Revels, Jr. and W. H. Robbins, who explained the bases for the applicant's proposal. Questions were asked and answered. Several objections were raised and the conference was then adjourned. As the result of extended negotiations following the conference, differences between the working interest owners have been resolved. As a result

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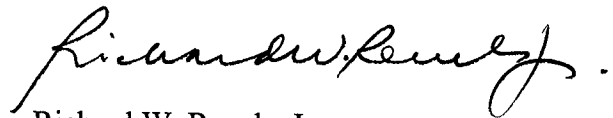
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of the compromise between the affected working interest owners, Amerada has revised its proposals to request a drilling and production unit for the Q Sand, Reservoir A, and a drilling and production unit for the Upper R Sand, Reservoir A, as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof. We are not aware of any opposition to the proposals being made by the applicant. Should any party wish to consult regarding these revised proposals, the undersigned should be notified. Also attached are the conference attendance list and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being mailed. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$1400.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

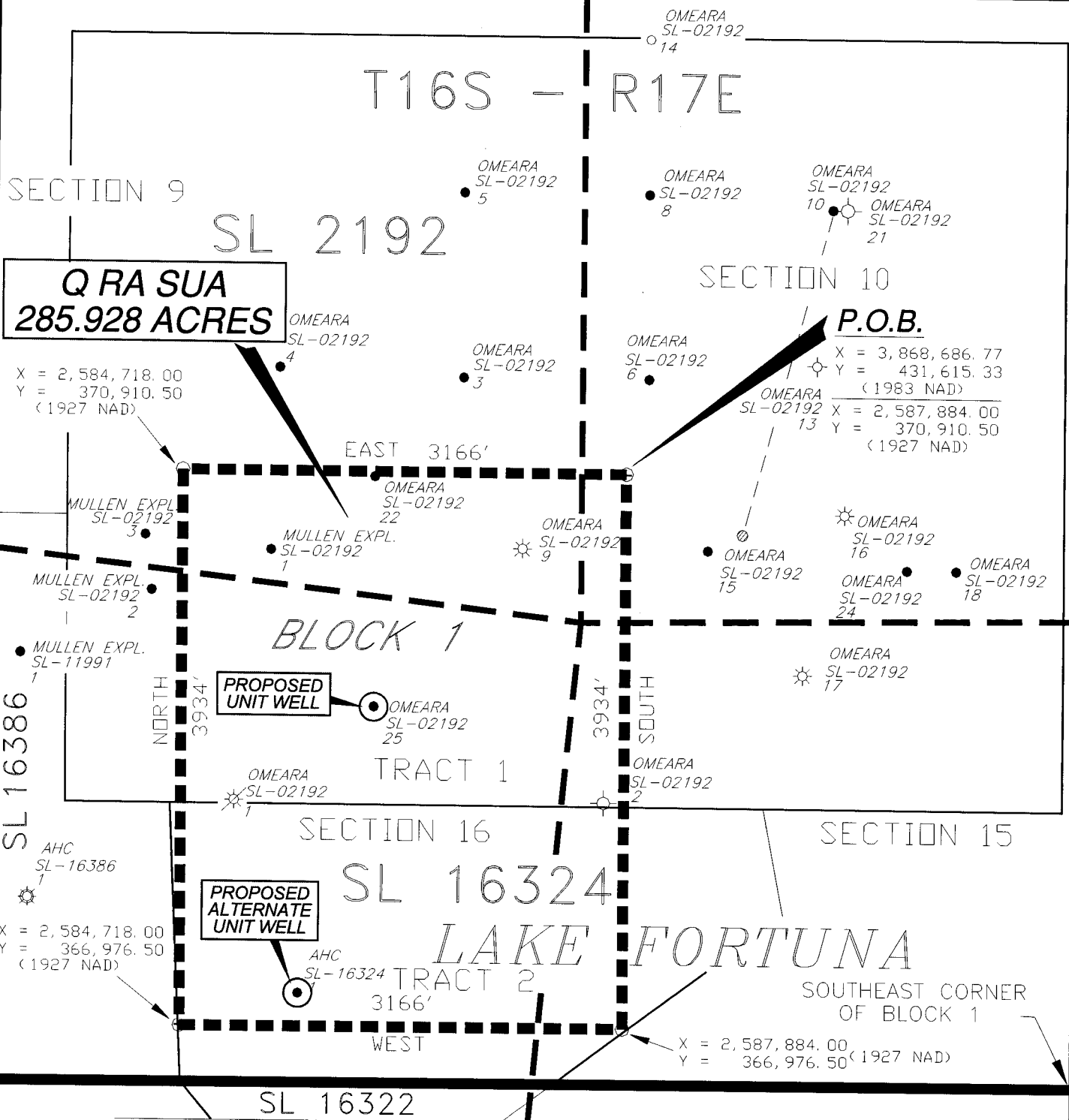
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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
Lafayette District Office of Conservation

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
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TRACT	PARTICIPANT	ACREAGE	PERCENT
1	STATE LEASE 2192	171.564	60.00
2	STATE LEASE 16324	114.364	40.00
TOTALS		285.928	100.00

NOTE: ALL COORDINATES ARE SHOWN IN U.S. SURVEY FEET.

ALL COORDINATES AND BEARINGS ARE GRID, AND ARE ON THE LOUISIANA LAMBERT PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, SOUTH ZONE, 1983 NORTH AMERICAN DATUM.

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AMERADA HESS CORPORATION

LAKE FORTUNA FIELD
ST. BERNARD PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT
Q SAND

0 1000' 2000'

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SECTION 9

SL 2192

SECTION 10

U R RA SUA
285.928 ACRES

X = 2,584,718.00
Y = 370,910.50
(1927 NAD)

P.O.B.

X = 3,868,686.77
Y = 431,615.33
(1983 NAD)
X = 2,587,884.00
Y = 370,910.50
(1927 NAD)

EAST 3166'

MULLEN EXPL.
SL-02192
1

OMEARA
SL-02192
9

OMEARA
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16

OMEARA
SL-02192
24

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MULLEN EXPL.
SL-02192
3

MULLEN EXPL.
SL-02192
2

MULLEN EXPL.
SL-11991
1

BLOCK 1

**PROPOSED
UNIT WELL**

OMEARA
SL-02192
25

OMEARA
SL-02192
7

OMEARA
SL-02192
2

TRACT 1

SECTION 16

SL 16324

TRACT 2

SECTION 15

LAKE FORTUNA

SOUTHEAST CORNER
OF BLOCK 1

X = 2,587,884.00
Y = 366,976.50 (1927 NAD)

WEST 3166'

SL 16322

TRACT	PARTICIPANT	ACREAGE	PERCENT
1	STATE LEASE 2192	171.564	60.00
2	STATE LEASE 16324	114.364	40.00
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UPPER R SAND

0 1000' 2000'

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